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FOR: BIOCONVERSION OF A FERMENTABLE CARBON SOURCE TO 1,3-PROPANEDIOL BY A SINGLE MICROORGANISM

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This document is filed in response to the restriction requirement, mailed 29 January 2002. It is filed within the one month shortened statutory period in which to answer.

Applicants have been asked to restate an election to one of the following inventions as required under 35 USC 121:

I. Claims 1-18 and 31-33 drawn to transformed cells and a bioconversion process to make 1,3-propanediol, classified in class 435, subclass 155.

II. Claims 19 and 34, drawn to 1,3-propanediol, classified in class 435, subclass 155.

Applicants the subject matter of Group 1, Claims 1-18 elect for purposes of prosecution and without traverse.

Additionally, Applicant calls attention to the preliminary amendment, filed concurrently with the application, deleting all filed claims except for Claims 2, 6, and 33, and adding new Claim 34.

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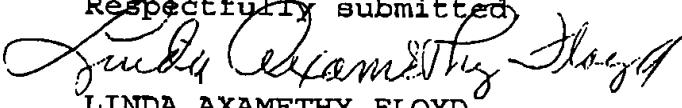
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